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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 January 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-144 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 24-45 and 96-144 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 and 46-95 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07/14/2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

- **Claims 1-23** and **46-95** are elected, **Claims 24-45** and **96-144** are withdrawn from consideration as directed to nonelected species.
- Pursuant to 35 USC 131, **Claims 1-23** and **46-95** are presented for examination.

Specification

1. Updated information is required for 'Related Application Section' at page 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the **second** paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

- .1 **Claims 1, 46, 73** and intervening claims are rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 for it is unclear to the Examiner what the relationship is between 'k' and 'm' or what values variables 'k' and 'm' take on.

It is also unclear to the Examiner what is meant by '*each stripe forming an erasure or error correcting code having a minimum Hamming distance d , selecting an element in a **donor stripe** when a difference between a minimum distance of the **donor stripe** and a minimum distance of a **recipient stripe** is greater or equal to 2, the selected element being stored on a storage unit having no elements of the recipient stripe; and rebuilding a lost element of the recipient stripe on the selected element*' in **Claims 1, 46, 73**.

It is also *unclear* to the Examiner how error tolerance is increased in **Claims 1, 46, 73** and intervening claims.

3. **Claim 2, 49, 74** fail to further limit the independent Claims said **Claim 2, 49, 74** depend on and therefore are rejected under the 4th paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112.
4. **Claims 1, 46, 73** and intervening claims would be allowable if amended to overcome

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instant rejections.

CONCLUSION

* Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Guy J. Lamarre, P.E., whose telephone number is (571) 272-3826. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jacques Louis-Jacques, can be reached at (571) 272-6962.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-3609.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2112
